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MEXICAN NATIONAL SENTENCED TO 66 MONTHS IN PRISON

Illegally entered the U.S. and assaulted two federal agents

TUCSON, Ariz. - Jorge Alcaraz-Carrillo, 35, of Sonora, Mexico, was sentenced by U.S. District Chief Judge John M. Roll to 66 months in federal prison and three years of supervised release. Alcaraz-Carrillo pleaded guilty on May 22, 2007, to three counts of illegal reentry after deportation and assault on federal officers. He committed the new offenses while on federal supervision.

On April 11, 2006, agents of the U.S. Border Patrol performing patrol duties near Douglas, Ariz., received information that a group of 16 suspected illegal aliens were illegally crossing the international border. The group broke up and one agent pursued four individuals who had fled from the area. One of the four, Alcaraz-Carrillo, was found hiding near a mesquite tree and when he attempted to flee, was ordered to the ground by the agent. Alcaraz-Carrillo failed to comply and when the agent grabbed him, a scuffle ensued. Another agent was called to assist.

Alcaraz-Carrillo was handcuffed and while walking toward the patrol vehicle, spat at the agents. Despite his handcuffs, Alcaraz-Carrillo got away from the agents and tried to hide. While he was taken out hiding from the brush, he kicked one agent in the groin area. Alcaraz-Carrillo continued to spit at the agents, landing some spit on one of the agent's face. Agents later discovered that Alcaraz-Carrillo had been on federal supervision for a prior case in federal court. He was sentenced to a combined term of 66 months in federal prison on the new charges and the violation of his federal supervision.

The investigation in this case was conducted by U.S. Border Patrol and U.S. Customs and Border Protection in Douglas, Ariz. The prosecution was handled by Raquel Arellano, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson, Ariz. The sentencing occurred on Monday, October 29, 2007.

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